# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

In Re:	_	
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SOMERVILLE BREWING COMPANY	)	Chapter 11
	)	Case No. 19-13300-FJB
DEBTOR	)	
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# DEBTOR'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO PAY PRE-PETITION WAGES AND PAYROLL-RELATED TAX OBLIGATIONS (Request for hearing on October 2, 2019)

Somerville Brewing Company ("Debtor" and/or "Somerville Brewing") the Debtor and Debtor-in-Possession (the "Debtor") in the above-captioned case, respectfully states as follows:

- l. The Debtor filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under the Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on September 27, 2019.
- 2. The Debtor has approximately four (4) salaried employees and (60) full and parttimes employees. Wages and salaries for these employees have been paid bi- weekly, in arrears, with paychecks being issued to personnel for salary and wages earned over the prior two- week period. In addition, servers and bussers receive tips which are paid on a weekly basis in arrears.
- 3. Tips for the servers and bussers is to be paid on October 2, 2019 for the period of September 27, 2019 September 29, 2019 and will be in the approximate amount of \$7,000. Both salaried and hourly employees are to be paid for the wages for the period of September 23, 2019 through October 6, 2019. The ACH by the payroll company is to withdrawn from the Debtor's account on October 9, 2019 and paychecks are to be delivered to the employees on October 1, 2019. The anticipated payroll for the period, inclusive of the four (4) days which are for prepetition wages and related payroll taxes is in the sum of approximately \$44,000 for the two-week period, inclusive of payroll taxes to the Internal Revenue Services for taxes withheld from such employees, F.I.C.A. withheld from employees, and for the employer's share of such F.I.C.A. The Debtor's payroll is prepared by QuickBooks Payroll. A chart of payments to be paid based upon the prior payroll is attached as Exhibit 1. There are no employees who shall be paid sums in excess of the priority amounts allowed under 11 U.S.C.§507(a)(4).
- 4. It is necessary to the continued operation of the Debtor's business that these employees be compensated for their pre-petition services which wages and payroll-related taxes will be paid out of cash, which may constitute cash collateral of creditors., as more fully set forth in the Debtor's Emergency Motion for Authorization for use of Cash and Non-Cash Collateral.

5. The Debtor is seeking authorization to meet its payroll obligations for the prepetition periods to avoid any interruption in the operation of its business in the ordinary course, an expedited determination is required on the within motion.

## EMERGENCY DETERMINATION REQUESTED

6. The Debtor is scheduled to distribute the tips collected on behalf of employees on October 2, 2019 and in addition, the Debtor's payroll service, QuickBooks Payroll withdraws the sums for the payroll and related seeks to distribute its payroll taxes on every other Wednesday for payment to its employees on every other Thursday. Accordingly, a hearing on an emergency basis is requested for hearing on October 2, 2019 to pay the employee tips on October 2, 2019 and to assure that when payroll is paid on October 9, 2019, the pre-petition wages earned can be paid to the employees in the ordinary course.

#### **NOTICE**

7. The Debtor shall serve this Motion by electronic notice, fax and/or mail on any entity with an interest in the cash and non-cash collateral including all secured creditors and to the twenty largest unsecured creditors, taxing authorities and the United States Trustee.

Wherefore, the Debtor respectfully prays that the Court enter an Order:

- (A) Finding that a hearing on an emergency basis is required; and
- (B) Scheduling an emergency hearing for consideration of the Debtor's authorization to use pay pre-petition tips and pre-petition wages and related tax obligations for October 2, 2019; and
- (C) Finding that notice of this Motion and of any hearing thereon is sufficient, under the particular circumstances of this matter, if given in accordance with paragraph 7 above; and
- (D) Authorizing the Debtor to pay pre-petition tips, salaries and wages to the limit of the priority allowed pursuant to Section 507(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code, and further authorizing the Debtor to pay all pre-petition payroll-related priority tax obligations herein described pursuant to Section 507(a)(8)(D) of the Bankruptcy Code; and

(E) Granting this Motion and such further relief as is just.

Respectfully submitted, Somerville Brewing Company By its attorney,

Dated: September 27, 2019

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nina M. Parker, do hereby certify that I have given either electronic notice, fax notice, and/or mailed, postage prepaid, copies of **Debtor's Emergency Motion to Pay Pre-Petition**Wages and Payroll Related Tax Obligations to the parties listed on the annexed service list.

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